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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Appl. No.:** 10/706,548  
**Applicant(s):** Spano, et al  
**Filed:** 12 November 2003  
**Title:** METHOD OF OPERATING A DISPENSING CABINET  
**Art Unit:** 3653  
**Examiner:** Michael E. Butler

**Docket No.:** DB000972-001

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on 1 December 2004 for the above-captioned application, enclosed is the following:

- Response and Amendment Under Rule 116;
- Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time; and
- a check in the amount of \$450.00 as the requisite fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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